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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

RE: Applicant(s): Daniel G. Schweikert and John F. MacDonald

Assignee: Sun Microsystems, Inc.  
Title: METAL REGION FOR REDUCTION OF CAPACITIVE  
COUPLING BETWEEN SIGNAL LINES  
Serial No.: 09/452,367 Filed: November 30, 1999  
Examiner: James M. Mitchell Group Art 2827  
Docket No.: P-3790RCE Unit:

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Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents for the response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004 in the above application:

1. Return Receipt Postcard;
2. Transmittal Letter (2 pages); and
3. Amendment (13 pages).

No additional claims fees are required.

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Transmittal Letter  
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CLAIMS AS AMENDED

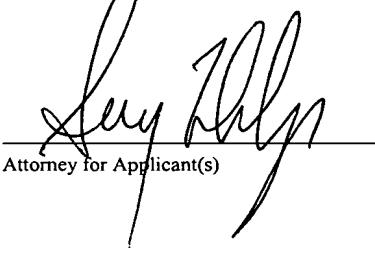
	Claims Remaining after Amendment	Highest No. Previously Paid For	Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
Total Claims	14	- 34	= 0	x \$18.00	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	2	- 4	= 0	x \$86.00	\$ 0.00
First filing of Multiple Dependent Claim (Enter \$290)					0.00
			Total of above Calculation		\$ 0.00
			Reduction by 50% for filing by Small Entity (Enter 0.5 for small entity)		1.0
				Subtotal	\$ 0.00
			Submission of Information Disclosure Statement Fee (enter \$180)		0.00
				<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 0.00</b>

Conditional Petition for Extension of Time: If an extension of time is required for timely filing of the enclosed documents after all papers filed with this transmittal have been considered, Applicant(s) hereby petition for such an extension of time.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees required for consideration of the enclosed documents, and to credit any overpayment of fees to Deposit Account No. 50-0553.

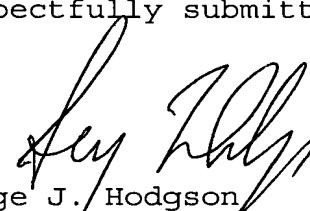
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I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on July 30, 2004.

  
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Attorney for Applicant(s)

July 30, 2004  
Date of Signature

Respectfully submitted,

  
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated May 21, 2004,  
please amend the above-identified application as follows:

1. **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper;
2. **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 5 of this paper and include three replacement sheets (Appendix);
3. **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper; and
4. An **Appendix** including three replacement sheets is attached following page 10 of this paper.